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II. That all Maſters of Trows, Barges, Barques, Woodbuſhes, or ſuch like Veſſels, coming to this City down the River *Severn*, or from any Part above the *Holmes*, laden with groſs Timber, Planks, Quarters, Poles, Staves or Fewel, from and after the ſaid Twenty Fifth Day of *March*, 1726, ſhall diſcharge their Lading at the ſaid New Key or Wharf on St. *Auguſtine's Back*; and that in Caſe any ſuch Maſter, Pilot, or other Perſon, having at that Time the chief Command, Care, or Direction of any ſuch Trow, Barge, or other Veſſel, ſhall neglect or refuſe ſo to do, or ſhall diſcharge any Species of the aforeſaid Goods at any other Place in the ſaid River *Froom*, he ſhall forfeit and pay for every Time ſo offending the Sum of *Forty Shillings* of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be recovered and applied in Manner as it is herein after ordered, directed, and appointed.

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